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The list below shows only two competitors in the Formula Category. Remember the top five scores in each category win a handsome certificate so there is still plenty of opportunity to win some great shack wallpaper in the Formula Category. If wallpaper isn't your "thing", then remember all qualifiers will have their name put in a hat for a digital TV drawing to be held in April or May 2010 when the official qualifiers are identified by CQ Magazine. The full rules at <http://dxmarathon.com/Contestrules/index.htm> explain the categories in detail. Basically, the Formula Category is for QRP operators and those running 100 watts with simple antennas, wires and verticals.

Below are the scores I have as of July 31:

Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total	Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
N4ZC	Unlimited	253	40	293	W3ZL	Formula	171	35	206
K4MQG	Unlimited	246	40	286	K4DGJ	Unlimited	153	37	190
W4HG	Unlimited	219	40	259	K4ESE	Unlimited	150	32	182
K4YR	Unlimited	217	40	257	N2TU	Unlimited	145	35	180
AA4SC	Unlimited	214	39	253	K8YC	Unlimited	144	34	178
W3OA	Unlimited	216	37	253	K1MIJ	Unlimited	138	29	167
W3GQ	Unlimited	212	39	251	WA3GNW	Formula	123	30	153
WB4ROA	Unlimited	201	38	239	N4UFP	Unlimited	108	29	137
N4PQX	Unlimited	196	40	236	NK0S	Unlimited	101	29	130
KZ2I	Unlimited	182	40	222	WB2RHM	Unlimited	81	24	105
N1GC	Unlimited	174	36	210					

Finally, don't forget to send me (w3oa@roadrunner.com) your DX marathon scores as of the last day of each month after your score reaches 100.

CDXA PacketCluster & Other Communication Systems

W4DXA (11 mi. NE of Mooresville)	144.93 MHz (1200 bits/second)	441.00 MHz (9600 bits/second)
K4MD Charlotte, NC	144.91 MHz (1200 bits/second)	Not Available on 9600 bits/second
K4MD (AR Cluster via Telnet)		k4md.no-ip.com
NA4L (Near Hillsville, VA)	144.95 MHz (1200 bits/second)	Connect to NA4L ("C NA4L")
NA4L (AR Cluster via Telnet)		cdxa.no-ip.org
CDXA Repeater 147.18 MHz (+600)		W4DXA, Near Fort Mill, SC
World Wide Web Homepage		www.cdxaweb.org
Wednesday Luncheon (11:30 AM)		Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC

I Just Thought I'd Drop By. . .

Bill Parris (AA4R) received an unexpected visitor this summer. After growing up in the South, Bill and his XYL, Joey, "retired" to the shores of beautiful Crystal Lake near Frankfort, Michigan. (Well, at least they live there for all but the snowy winter months in the "snow belt" of upper Michigan!) Before starting on a trip to explore the "pleasant peninsula" of Michigan, George Dominick (W4UWC), a relatively new member of CDXA, noticed that CDXA had a presence in Michigan in the personage of Bill Parris—a person George had met at several Charlotte Hamfests. So, when George got close to Frankfort, he called Bill and told him he'd like to stop by to say hello. George sent along the picture below of both Bill and George enjoying a glorious summer day in Bill's front yard overlooking Crystal Lake.



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The purpose of the association is to secure for the members the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons having a common interest in Amateur Radio.

Members of the CDXA shall adhere to "The Amateur's Code" as published from time to time in *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs*, and shall consist of those valid licensed amateur operators having an interest in promoting amateur radio. Long distance communications (DX) is of special interest to members of the association, but said interest is not a requirement of membership.

Dues are \$35 per year for those using the PacketCluster maintained by the Association, \$20 otherwise, payable each December. Dues are payable by check to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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Address, telephone, and email address changes should be directed to the Secretary/Treasurer at the above address or via email at: jew53@cornell.edu.

Is there an Editor in the House?

Back in late 1999, the editor of the *Pileup* signified his intention to step down from his duties. CDXA's then-President Bob Burton called for someone to step forward to pick up the editing job during his term of office. It was to be a one-year or two-year job, at most. That was 97 issues ago, and your current editor is happy to report that in his tenure as editor every issue has been delivered on time and that the membership continues to provide good material to make the editor's job a pleasure.

With nearly ten years of having this ink-stained reporter presenting you news of CDXA in his words, the thoughts occurred (1) that all members might like to have a fresh set of eyes and presentation skills bringing you the monthly happenings of CDXA, or (2) there is a member in our midst who is just chomping at the bit to pick up the reins of CDXA editor so he can exercise his editorial acumen. CDXA's annual elections are just around the corner. If either or both of the above items are conditions you think needs changing, please let your views be known to President Goldthorpe. The old curmudgeon now serving as editor will willingly step aside if the "time for change" has come.

CDXA Barbeque Just Over Horizon

How about some Carolina BBQ? Put October 10, 2009 on your calendar as the date to sink your teeth into Ric Porter's barbeque. This year, the event will be at Ric's home in Rock Hill, SC and Ric will catering the affair right from his own kitchen.

If the format repeats itself, the event usually starts in late afternoon. More information will be available in the September issue of the PILEUP. Y'all come now, ya hear?

Christmas in August?

Since we are on the topic of upcoming CDXA events, we thought it would be appropriate to mention another date to put on your calendar. The annual Holiday Bash this year is tentatively planned for Thursday, December 10, 2009.

CDXA conducts its annual meeting and election of officers at this holiday affair. It is also the time at which you can collect your awards for outstanding performance in our "Contest Within a Contest" (CWAC) that is tied to the CQ World Wide contest. Other than the business matters, the holiday party is just a nice time to meet your friends in CDXA. Will we see YOU there this

CQ Publishes Results of the 2008 CQWW SSB Contest

Dick Williams, W3OA

The final results of last year's CQ World Wide SSB Contest are published in the August issue of CQ. Once again, CDXA is well represented.

This was the third year we have entered the team contesting competition. CDXA's five-man SSB team (AA4S, KI4TZ, KZ2I, N4ZC, and N4PQX) moved us up from fourth place last year to third place worldwide this year with 5,966,359 points. Also of interest—CDXA's team was highest scoring all North American team in the competition.

Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the calls of CDXA members who scored in the top half of their class as listed in CQ. The last column shows the entrant's place in his class and the number of entrants in that class. Those calls shown in bold face will receive certificates from CQ. Also, K4ZA was one of the operators at multi-multi station W3LPL that placed second in the U.S.

We hope to have similar information for the CW contest next month. We won't know how we did in the Club Competition until then because both SSB and CW results are used in computing club scores.

Mark your calendar for this year's CQWW contests. SSB is the weekend of October 23, CW the weekend of November 27. Get going on those antenna projects now so you'll be ready in October!

Call	Final Score	Area	Class	Place/No in Class
4X0V (AA4V + 5)	8,135,913	Israel	Multi-Op, Two Transmitter	1/1 Also 1st place, Asia
AA4S	1,024,176	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	4/62
IS0T (IN3ZNR)	579,600	Sardinia	Single Op, High Power, 20 meters	1/1
IS0/K7QB (IN3QBR)	1,349,600	Sardinia	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	1/1
KI4TZ	991,067	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	5/62
KZ2I	667,131	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, High Power, All Bands	8/70
N1GC	275,436	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, High Power, All Bands	16/70
N2TU	800,173	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	9/60
N4PQX	1,259,225	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, High Power, All Bands	4/62
N4ZC	2,024,760	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	1/62 Also # 6 in US
TO5DX (K4SV + 3)	299,529	St. Barthelemy	Multi-Op, Single Transmitter	1/1
VP9/K3IRV	180,420	Bermuda	Single Op, Low Power, All Bands	1/1
W3OA	1,227,996	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	3/62
WA3GNW	24,464	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Low Power, All Bands	43/86
WA4DOU	228,250	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, High Power, All Bands	21/70
WA8WV	25,026	Worldwide	QRP, All Bands	35/74 Also # 9 in US
WB4ROA	221,578	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	29/62

CDXA Scores in 2009 ARRL International DX CW Contest

Dick Williams, W3OA

The final results of this year's ARRL International DX CW contest have been published. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the CDXA entrants who scored in the top half of their class. The last column shows the entrant's place in his class in the geographic area shown and the number of entrants in that class from that area. Additionally, K4ZA was one of the operators at W3LPL, a multi-multi entrant that placed first of 10 U.S. entrants.

W4ZV's first place U.S. and Canada finish on 160 was a repeat of his win there last year and he also set a new record for the fourth call area on 160.

We hope to have the results of the ARRL phone contest in next month's Pileup. At that time we should also know how we did in the Affiliated Club Competition.

Call	Final Score	Area	Class	Place/No in Class
IS0/K7QB	48,465	Sardinia	Single Op, 160 meters	1/1
K2SX	1,039,088	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	6/75
K4YR	211,077	North Carolina	Single Op, High Power, All Bands	5/9
KH6/AA4V	369,180	Oceania	Single Op, Low Power, All Bands	1/8
N4PQX	199,920	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	36/75
N4ZC	1,367,718	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	2/75
W3GQ	1,148,850	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands*	3/75
W3OA	698,535	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	13/75
W4LM	237,222	North Carolina	Single Op, High Power, All Bands	4/9
W4ZV	101,199	North Carolina	Single Op, 160 meters Also 1 ST in USA and Canada	1/2
WA3GNW	118,188	South Carolina	Single Op, Low Power, All Bands	2/4
WA4DOU	598,752	North Carolina	Single Op, Low Power, All Bands	2/9
WA8WV	117,390	West Virginia	Single Op, QRP, All Bands	1/1
WB4ROA	171,306	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	38/75
WD4PDZ	87,945	North Carolina	Single Op, Low Power, All Bands	4/9

* The ARRL scores mistakenly show W3GQ as Single Op, High Power. He was actually Assisted.

Pun Pfun

It has been quite a few months since we've provided our readers with the "highest form of humor"—the pun. Now there are some folks that put the pun at the nadir of the humor scale, but those in the know will tell you that the longer the groan after a pun is told, the better it is!

Here's a leftover from early NASCAR days:

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

It's summer, so we can't leave out America's pastime:

***I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger.
Then it hit me.***

And, finally, an item related to health care reform now being considered by Congress:

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."

I'm outta here!

CQ CQ de W4VHF/R

Shown to the right is a NO gain Rover antenna farm, but darn if it didn't work great during the CQWW VHF contest. One key is to keep the antenna farm at an elevation of 2500-to-3000 feet above visible surroundings. Also, you have to eat a little 'humble pie' because you're not the first called—at least, not all the time.

Talk about "missing your right hand." This also applies to your keyer paddle. When that paddle breaks, you are missing your right hand. During CQWW VHF 2009, my Vibroplex paddle broke with a grid to go. OUCH!

Had lots of fun, though, for a more leisurely rover experience in 2009 than in the past few years.

Ted Goldthorpe (W4VHF/Rover)



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Results of **CQWW SSB '08** and **ARRL International DX SSB '09** inside on Pages 3 and 4, respectively.

DX King competition rolls along with several CDXAers approaching 300 points. There is still time for you to get going. See Front Page.

CDXA Barbeque and Holiday Party plans begin to take shape. Put these dates on your calendar. See Page 2.

SEDCO tickets are on sale. For reservation information on accommodations at Mainstay Suites and Conference tickets, visit: <http://sedco.homestead.com>

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